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Applicant : Bowers et al.  
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For : ACTIVE SAMPLER FOR  
DETECTING CONTAMINANTS  
IN LIQUIDS  
Group Art Unit : 1797  
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Examiner : Paul Sang HwaHyun

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Josué A. Villalta, Reg. No. 54,511COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants do not concede or acquiesce to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicants submit that the claims are patentable based on the combination of all the elements recited therein and not on any particular feature. Applicants also emphasize that for any particular claim only those limitations expressly recited in such claim are relevant to the reasons for its allowability. In addition, to the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of the subject matter of the claims differs from the language of the claims, Applicants do not agree with the reasons for allowance and reasons for indication of allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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